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Applicant(s): K. UNO, et al.

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For: METHOD OF REMOVING OFF-FLAVOR FROM FOODS
AND DEODORIZER

Group Art: 1761

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RESPONSE

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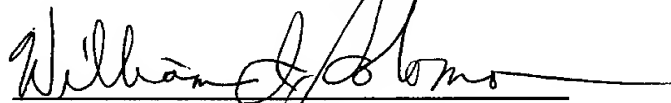
In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect the Group IX claims (that is, claims 56-66, drawn to a method of producing liquor) for prosecution on the merits in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, consideration of the Group IX claims (claims 56-66) on the merits, in the above-identified application, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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